overnment recently have initiated heir work/functions in sittings held n camera;

(b) whether under the Commissions f Inquiry Act, 1952 every inquiry as to be in open court;

(c) if so, whether the functioning f the Justice Thakkar and Justice Natrajan Commission has any legal anction as it worked in camera; and

(d) if not, what could be the legal atus of the recommendations of this ommission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN HE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, UBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PEN-IONS AND THE MINISTER OF TATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHI-AMBARAM): (a) As names of the ommissions have not been indicated, is not possible to state the position.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Under Rule 1A of the entral Commissions of Inquiry rocedure) Rule, 1960, the Commis-on may sit in public or in private it thinks fit; provided that the Com-ission shall sit in private on a re-uest being made by the Central overnment in that behalf thus ere is no illegality if the Commis-on of Inquiry chooses to sit in ca-era.

बांग्लादेश से आने वाले घुसपैठिये

1834. **श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 26 अप्रैल, 1987 के "इंडियन एक्सप्रेस" में छपे इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि पश्चिमी बंगाल के कूल बांग्ला देश से घुसपैठियों के आने में सहायता कर रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में विस्तृत तथ्य क्या हैं; और

(ग) इस विषय में अब तक की गयी कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) से (ग) हाल में किये गये सर्वेक्षण में, यह ध्यान में आया है कि पश्चिम बंगाल के सीमावर्ती जिलों के कुछ स्कूलों में कुछ विद्यार्थियों ने गलत तरीकों से प्रवेश लिया है। पश्चिम बंगाल सरकार को तुरन्त कार्रवाई करने के लिए कहा गया है। मामले के महत्व पर विचार करते हुए पश्चिम बंगाल सरकार ने सीमावर्ती जिलों में घुसपैठिये विद्यार्थियों द्वारा स्कूलों में प्रवेश लेने को रोकने के लिए माध्यमिक शिक्षा मण्डल के माध्यम से कदम उठाये हैं।

Ex-gratia payment to Riot Victims in Delhi

1835. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of November, 1984 riot victims in Delhi who have been given ex-gratia payment alongwith their names and amount paid; and

(b) how many cases are still pending and how much time is expected to be taken for their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) In 2277 cases Rs. 20,000/- each has been paid to the next of the kin of the persons who died during November, 1984 riots. In 148 cases Rs. 10,000/- each has been paid since claimants did not collect their cheques for the balance amount. Similarly in 2 cases payment of Rs. 20,000/- is yet to be collected by the claimant.

In 2602 cases of injury, ex-gratia amount has been paid to the victims of November, 1984 riots subject to maximum of Rs. 2,000/-.

In 3537 cases, ex-gratia amount has been paid in the cases of damage to dwelling units @ Rs. 2000/-, Rs. 5000/- and Rs. 10,000/- depending upon the quantum of damage. No claim is pending.

Overstaying of a Representative of an Italian Firm

1836. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a representative of an Italian firm has been overstaying in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said representative of Snam Progetti has applied for extension of his Visa;

(c) whether the tender for the ammonia plant with a capacity to produce 1350 tonne per day issued by the Gujarat State Fedtilizer Corporation (GSFC) has been held over as per instructions of the representative of Snam Progetti whose firm is one of the tenderers; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Department of Fertilizers have recommended to the Ministry of Home Affairs the extension of stay upto 31st December, 1987.

(c) M/s. Snamprogetti are not one of the tenderers for the 1350 TPD ammonia plant.

(d) Does not arise.

Industrial Disputes between ITDC and its Workers

1837. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of industrial disputes between ITDC and its workers/unions pending in Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals etc. as on date;

(b) the stage at which each dispute is presently pending;

(c) the date of origin of each dispute;

(d) how many of the disputes are pending for more than three, five and eight years; and

(e) what steps in the past the ITDC management has taken to dispose of the disputes quickly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Forest Cover

1838. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area brought under forest cover during 1986;

(b) what was the target fixed;

(c) whether Government could achieve the target; and

(d) if not, what are tre reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) During the year 1986-87, 1.76 m. hectares of area was afforested as